

perience of men and women. We can not understand it all now. Providence is enveloped in the most impenetrable mystery, but it will all be made plain some day, when the finished pattern comes forth from the loom of time. Until then we must find refuge from perplexity by trusting in the Father's wisdom and love. He doeth all things well. He will make everything right and beautiful in the end.

### Don't Let Him Deceive You

The medical commission appointed by General Wood, of Havana, to inquire into the cause of yellow fever has reported that the mosquito (*Culex fasciatus*) is undoubtedly the propagating agent of this disease, and that he transmits it by first feeding upon a person afflicted with the fever, and afterward biting persons who are in health. This conclusion was reached after a long series of intelligent experiments, and it is also in line with similar investigations pursued with regard to the cause of malarial fever. These discoveries are of very great value, and suggest some interesting reflections. In the first place the mosquito is no longer the harmless and joke provoking insect we had heretofore taken him to be. He is small, he is apparently very humble, but he is deadly, and will hereafter be known as the most pestilential of all insects, carrying death and disease wherever he goes. He comes in the night; until he is very near his approach is silent and stealthy; his movement is slow and cautious; his song is musical and friendly; yet he comes loaded with poison; he brings the menace of death; he has slain vaster armies than the sword; he has covered the earth with wailing. Trust not his song, be not deceived by his friendly greeting, his social attractions, his quiet and humble bearing.

There are some men like him. They are socially attractive; they can sing sweet songs of brotherly kindness; they can assume a bearing of humility and piety. But wait until they get down to business, and then their sinister nature will appear. You will find that they are after your blood; that they have come to you under cover of darkness; that between musical lips they bear the poison of asps. Thus it is with many a temptation, a melodious message and messenger of death, a thing apparently insignificant, apparently harmless, sometimes even provocative of mirth and jests, yet deadly as the grave. Do not trust every song, or every singer. The mosquito is small, and contemptible enough; but death is big enough, and not to be despised.

### A Bankrupt

A New York man who went into bankruptcy recently owed \$30 for pew rent and \$26 for beer. His drink and his religion seem to have been pretty nearly even, a slight balance standing on the moral side, but hardly enough to set up business on. Now it occurs to us that he might have saved both these items. For certainly his drink bill was a total loss, the beer not doing him any good at all; and we are inclined to think his church bill wasn't doing him any good either. The poor fellow it seems fell between two stools. He didn't have quite enough saloon to keep him out

of the church, and vice versa he didn't have quite enough church to keep him out of the saloon. Another Jekyll and Hyde sort of fellow. There are lots of 'em. Jekyll listened to the sermons. Hyde drank the liquor. The devil doesn't care a fig which one he gets.

### The Residence of Satan

An Edinburgh philosopher has come to the conclusion that the planet Saturn is the dwelling place of Satan. He doesn't seem to be bothering the learned world with his proofs, and it is altogether likely that they are not very tangible or convincing. Not long since one of our own preachers, (at that time one of them) fixed his infernal majesty's residence in the sun, a hot enough place truly, but too well lighted, it seems to us, to suit the "Prince of darkness." According to Milton it was by the light of the sun that his true character was first detected when he was traveling incog. to call upon Mr. and Mrs. Adam, and since then it is but natural to suppose that he would be shy of the sun. Why he should select Saturn for a residence when he is so much at home on the earth we are unable to understand. Here's Paris, London, New York, and, yes, Chicago. Pshaw! Saturn indeed! Humbug and nonsense!

### Ashland College—Endowment

Are you interested in Ashland College? Why not? In the issue of last week we stated as clearly as we knew how why we are interested in the success of Ashland College. It might be of interest to know why others are *not* interested in the institution, if such there are in the brotherhood. If you know of any reasons why you should not be interested in Ashland College to the extent of giving the institution your hearty support, we should be very glad to know what those reasons are. Do you believe that the Brethren church *needs* an educational institution under its own control? Do you believe that the Brethren church *must* have such an institution if it is to succeed? Do you believe that the Brethren church can *support* such an institution? Do you believe that Ashland College is that institution? Here are four questions to which we solicit answers from our readers. Let the answers be short and to the point. We will gladly publish your answer or answers to the several questions whether affirmative or negative, providing, however, that your name accompanies the answer. Why not have an open parliament on this question, a symposium, a conference, or whatever you may please to call it. Anything that will awaken our people to the fact that we must support an institution of learning under our own auspices. If there are any reasons why that institution should not be Ashland College, or if you can show by any process of reasoning that we do not need an institution of learning, let us know what your arguments are. Most anything is better than criminal indifference. We have come to a period in our history when every local congregation must stand either for or against the school. Indifference is sin. Let us know "where you are at."

Several pledges have recently been taken, and we shall be grateful indeed to hear of others.